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## **PRESS RELEASE**

Date/Time of Release: Sunday, January 20, 2008 5:30 p.m.
Date/Time of Occurrence: Sunday, January 20, 2008 6 a.m.
Nature of Event: Mother Arrested in Baby's Death

Location of Call: Granite Bay

Released by: Dena Erwin, PIO (530) 889-6901

## SHERIFF EDWARD N. BONNER RELEASES THE FOLLOWING:



At 6 a.m. today, the Placer County Sheriff's Department received a 911 cell phone call transferred from the CHP regarding an unresponsive infant at a home on Stillwater Court in Granite Bay.

Fire personnel found an 8-day-old baby girl, Faith Evelyn Fuelling, not breathing. Life-saving measures were initiated and the baby was transported to the Sutter Roseville Medical Center. The efforts were unsuccessful and the baby was pronounced dead at 7:20 a.m.

Placer County Sheriff's detectives on scene developed information that the baby's mother, Kristina Fuelling, 27, caused the death of her baby by drowning. Detectives are still investigating the circumstances that caused this tragic event and the official cause of death will be determined by a forensic autopsy.

The infant's father is with family at a private location and is understandably devastated. Kristina Fuelling was arrested on a charge of homicide and was booked at the Placer County Jail in Auburn this afternoon.